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Applicant : Andrew Goodearl et al. Art Unit : 1645
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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed July 21, 1999, kindly amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 139 and 140.

Amend claims 132 and 138 as follows.

182. (Amended) A method for inducing acetylcholine receptor synthesis in a cell, comprising contacting said cell [with an amount of] with a polypeptide which comprises an epidermal growth factor-like domain, [the amino acid sequence of which is identical to an amino acid sequence encoded by a GGF/p185 erb B2 ligand gene,] said domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO